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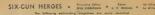








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SIX CUN HEROES THAT'S HOPALONG CASSIDY, THE SHERIFF! AW, THAR'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! HE COULDN'T HAVE WHERE'S OLD AUNT! I'M TAKING OVER SEEN ANYTHING AND HE POESN'T KNOW ME! I DON'T COME FROM THESE PARTS! FOR HIM I CAN TAKE LOOK AT THE WHEW, I DIDN'T LIKE THE WAY CASSIDY LOOKED AT ME! I WAS AFEARED HE HAD GOTTEN WISE NOTHER JOB CORNERS HOLD EVERYTHING! I KNOW WHERE I SAW HIS FACE ! HE'S AN OUTLAW! I RECEIVED HIS PICTURE FROM THE MARSHAL'S OFFICE ABOUT A YEAR ASO! I'VE GOT IT SOMEWHERE I CAN'T HELP THINKING 1°VE SEEN THAT ASSAY IN MY DESK!

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MIDNIGHT BOY

7 A Fast-Moving Western - ...

By Dick Krat

OHN Parker looked up from his bed at his tow-haired young son. Impatiently, the rancher's hand plucked at the quilt that covered him. Even this slight movement brought a throbbing pain to the lag that lay tightly

bound is splints benasth the quilts.
"I—I wish I could go with you, Tim," John
Parker said. "But this blamed leg probably
won!" heal we for a month! And is!"!

won't heal up for a month! And it'll be another couple of months before I can straddle a bronc again!"

Tim Parkar smiled eagerly at his father. "Listen, Pa," ha said. "You don't have to

worry about a thing! I can rida herd on that bunch of mavaricks in my sleep. I'll have them up to tha dapot by tomorrow noon and turn them over to tha cattla agent thera! We'll have the money for your doctor's bills... and your installment to the benk sure as blazes! Just to make sure, I'll rida Midnight Bey!"

"Midalght Roy!" The rancher shook his bad determinedly. "You will not, I'm," he frowned. That ornery cayua is plumb pizer! If it height been for his throwing me. I'd I'm height been for his throwing me. I'd you've now grows my leg broken at sill. And you've now grows my leg broken my leg broken at sill. And you've now grows my leg broken my leg broken at sill. And you've now grow my leg broken at sill. And he will be the sill he will be sill he will he will be sill he will be sill he will be sill he will he will be sill he will he will

His fathar's word was law! Two hour's later, as Tim Parker rods out of tha Circla P home apread, pushing eighty head of cattle before him, ha was riding the old dun mare—Sai. But as he rode along at an easy lope, keeping the stragglers in, Tim kept thinking of Midnight Boy. There was a horse Big, glossy, jet-black, fast as chain lightning and as spirited as a monthold col:

But the black stallion was roo spirited. The few times that Tim had tried to ride him, ha had been promptly thrown. And it was because of Midnight Boy that his father had his leg broken and it was now up to Tim to haze the herd to the railroad depot to turn

them over to the cattle agent there.

Riding along beneath a clear blue sky with
the red-backed cattle moving easily before
him. Tim began to whistle. Even old Sal was
trottims with more than her usual amount of

energy.

It was then that the three riders came out of the little clump of oak that stood by the

of the little clump of oak that stood by the cattle trail.

Straight toward young Tim they rode, moving in a ground-covering canter. They were

dressed in heavy sheepskin jackets, and there battered slouch hats were pulled down in front, shading their unshaven faces. Each of them carried a carbine in a saddle holster, and Colt strapped to his thigh. The lead man, black-hired and hatchet-faced, raised his hand.

"Howdy, son," he bogan in a flat, hoarse

voice. "Can you tell us . . , which is the best route to Craw's Junction?"

Tim Parker scratched his straw-colored hair thinking.

"Well," he said, "just keep going the way you are, till you come to the coach road. Follow that right—until you come to a fork. Take the left turn, and stay with it all the way. I'd show you, except that I'm taking this herd to the railroad . . . and I'm all alone." For the first time, the lead tider grinned.

For time first time, the least rider grinned. "All alone, etc." he repeated. Suddenly, his vizage grew grim, and his broad hand slapped down toward his thigh and came up with a steady-held revolver. "That's too bad because we're taking your heat, boy. And we're taking your host, too, just to make sure you don't follow ust Hear me? Get off . . . pronto!"

Tim tensed in the saddle. The men was not in the saddle.

Tim tensed in the saddle! The man was not fooling, and the gunsels behind him wers ready to draw, too. They were common rustlers, bad hombres—and he had fallen into their trap! But he could not give up the herd. It would be the ruin of the Circle P ranch!

"No!" he muttered defiantly. "You can't

have them! They're all we've got . . . and you're not getting them!"

The outlaw kneed his horse closer to the unara. He leaned over threshemily, "No? Can't have them?" Suddenly, his face twisted, and his heavy am came about, skahing with the gunbutt against the use of young Timis the properties of the state of the state of the state of the state of the first a stunning blow against he other. Bet first a stunning blow against he chief-bone. Reeling away, he still down the side of the mare, thumping against the ground. In a daze, he heard the outlaw matter. "That takes care of him! Let's get moving for the stage line, boys. Put a rope on his mare and we'll us, he won't be able to follow us."

Lying there, head throbbing. Tim watched the rustlers move away, hazing the mavericks before them. Soon they were just tiny spots in the distance.

Dizzy, he rose to his feet, one hand clutch ing his aching temple and cheek!

The herd gone—stolen! And there was no chance of getting help, no way to cut off the outlaws, since they had taken old Sal with them. Unless—Tim's fists suddenly clenched! There was a way, if he could get back to the

Squaring his shoulders, he turned toward the canch. It was about three miles away. This miles of rolling prairie land. He began to jo each step sending a shaft of pain lancin through his head. Gradually, the soreness began to lessen, and his strides became longe the had to get back to the ranch on time!

SOON the ranch buildings were in sight! I'm did not swerve toward the main house, where he knew his father was asleep. Instead, the ran straight toward the corral. There, results and pawing the earth in his There, results and pawing the earth in his results are the straight of the stra

Tim raised a slender hand to the stillon's shiny neck. Always high-spirited, the brone threw his head back in pretended alarm. Take it easy, Midnight Boy," the youth said. Tive got to get to the sheriff at Craw's Junction fast—and there's just one way for me to do it. You're the way!"

Moving carefully, he dropped a saddle blanket across the horse's back, and smoothed it out so there was no crease to cut the glossy side. Midnight Boy kicked nervously at the stall. Quickly, Tim put a halter on him and then slid a high-cantled western saddle across his back. No time to waste now. He strained hard, tightening the cinch strap. Then he led him outside, patting his side soothingly. "One foot in the stirrup ... easy, boy ... casy!"

With a sudden spring he vaulted into the addite, legs gripping hard. Minight Boy did not hesitate for a second. As he had so many times before, he sprang forward and began to crow-hop in great, ground-covering leaps, twisting sharply. For a few seconds Tim was able to hold on, clutching desperately at the reins. But then he lost his seat, and a final high lunge by the brone sent him hurtling off through the air?

For a dizzying, spinning moment, he was falling, and then he landed—hard!

Groggy, he scrambled to his feet. Waves of pain were shooting through his head again, and there was the salty taste of blood in his mouth. He awallowed. Midnight Boy had quieted down and was standing a few yards from him, ears flattened back, a triumphant malice in his big eyes. Tim Parker twisted his shoulders, lowered his head, and started toward the brone.

"Listen," he mouthed thickly. "The ranch depends on my getting to the sheriff on time! I'm riding you, Midnight Boy-and this time you... won't ... stop ... me!"

Again he held the rein in his hand. Again his souffed cowboy boot found the stirrup and again he swung his right leg over the saddle. This time the black horse seemed to know that the showdown was at hand! Springing high in the air, he twisted about violently in an effort to dislodge the boy at once. But, fighting with every muscle in his body. Tim managed to clime to his back!

Finally the bucks became less and less violent and the boy knew that he had mastered the brone! He reined him hard out of the cortal and apurred him across the prairie. "Let's move, boy!" he husked. "We're heading for Craw's Junction!"

As they asced across the level plain at top speed, Tim knew that they would get there in time to warn the sheriff—that there would be time to round up a posse and cut off the rustlers before they could cross the state line. The heaf would be award Knowing this, he grew excited about it. And somehow he had the feeling that Midnight Boy was excited about it, too ... for the big black horse was reallouing as never before!

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